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CLINTON AT PRINCETON

Clinton flew into Mercer County Airport at 10 AM this morning (Tue. June 4) to address graduates at Princeton University (no doubt to keep in touch with the everyday average American).

Clinton was met in Princeton with 600 demonstrators who filled the streets.

So vocal were the demonstrators, Clinton, after to delivering his address to the Princeton graduates, was forced to abruptly return to Mercer Airport 2 hours earlier than scheduled and depart at 2:30 PM instead of 4:30 PM due to anticipated demonstrations at the airport.

This Colony News publisher was in attendance, both at the airport and at Princeton where local police told me that Clinton was speeding up his schedule to avoid "bad picture press" at the departing airport.

It is obvious Clinton, not unlike Nixon, is becoming trapped within the White House due to many unpopular stances and legal problems underway.

A local Princeton University maintenance man I spoke with informed me that snipers, state police, and secret service were everywhere -- actually shutting the town and its main arteries for 4 hours.

It is becoming apparent Clinton leaves the White House now at his own risk.

Michael Devlin Publisher Colony News

AUSTRALIA'S GUN CONTROL BATTLE

Australian Prime Minister John Howard vowed Sunday to introduce tough gun laws after the second shooting spree in a month despite big anti-gun control rallies and threats of a political campaign by gun owners.

"I understand how strongly some people feel about this issue and I've always acknowledged there are a lot of law-abiding people who are going to be affected by these new laws," Howard told reporters in Sydney.

"I also know that the great majority of the Australian people support the stand that I have taken...and whilst I understand the views of people who dissent, the government's position will not alter." Howard said.

Some 60,000 gun owners staged one of the country's biggest protests since the Vietnam War Saturday, just hours after a gunman armed with a pump-action shotgun wounded five people near the tropical city of Darwin, capital of the Northern Territory.

A rally of some 7,000 gun owners in Adelaide Sunday warned of a ballot backlash against the tough new gun laws.

Howard plans to ban automatic and semi-automatic weapons, in the wake of the Port Arthur massacre.

Tasmania has banned automatic and semi-automatic weapons.

Australia's most populous state, New South Wales, has already banned the sale of automatic and semi-automatic weapons and his introduced new legislation to return gun control to the national government.

Howard said Australian politicians were at a crossroads and had the opportunity to stop the country adopting the gun culture of the United States.

Reuters
June 2, 1996

U.N. OPENS HOUSING CONFERENCE

The United Nations global conference on human settlements, Habitat II, opened Monday with thousands of delegates gathering to chart a code for future living standards for the world's population.

Habitat will take up issues linked to housing, poverty and the environment in the 21st century when more than three billion people are expected to live in towns, **including the disputed issue of whether housing is a human right**.

Reuters
June 3, 1996

NATO ENTERS NEW ERA

NATO, in a landmark deal that will allow it to handle peacekeeping and further Bosnia-style crises in the new millennium, agreed Monday to boost the role of European members within the alliance.

Foreign ministers from the 16 NATO nations, meeting in the oncedivided city of Berlin, proclaimed that the new NATO was now better able to go beyond the defense of its members and would remain the linchpin of European security.

The deal gives the European wing of the U.S.-led alliance the chance to launch its own missions using borrowed NATO assets, if Washington agrees to lend them.

It lays out a complex series of arrangements which will bring major changes to NATO's military, making it more flexible and, in addition, able to work with countries outside the alliance -- as is already the case in Bosnia.

The agreement marks the first time that the United States has been prepared to lend valuable alliance assets to Europeans running their own military operations.

Many details remain to be worked out, most notably the key questions of how much freedom of action Washington will give its allies in using NATO equipment the United States owns.

Reuters
June 3, 1996

MOST MEDIA VOTED FOR CLINTON

A Dr. Barnett from Grayling recently posed the question... "why are conservative, religious or political persons branded by the media and liberals as radical extremists of some kind?"

An excerpt from a May 5 column in the Detroit News by Paul Craig Roberts might shed some light on the matter. According to the latest

poll by the Freedom Forum of news reporters and bureau chiefs in the nation's capital, only 2 percent identified themselves as conservatives and only 4 percent are registered Republicans. Eighty-nine percent of them voted for Bill Clinton in 1992!

By the way, do you suppose, all that knee-jerking is confined to the left leg?

Letter to the editor Detroit News Dave Aumann, Midland

CLINTON AVOIDS HOUSE CONTEMPT VOTE

The White House Thursday handed over more documents to a House panel probing the 1993 travel office firings, avoiding at the last minute an embarrassing contempt of Congress vote.

On Thursday morning the White House delivered 1,000 pages of travel office papers and a log of another 2,000 pages which White House counsel Jack Quinn said President Clinton intended to keep confidential.

These papers supplement 40,000 pages sent earlier to the Government Reform Committee which is investigating whether the Clinton White House wrongfully fired the entire travel office staff May 15, 1993 to give its own people the jobs.

After receiving the new documents House Republican leader Dick Armey of Texas canceled a vote set for Thursday to hold White House aides in contempt of Congress. The contempt vote could be revived if the papers are inadequate, he said.

"My personal bet is they will be incomplete," Army told reporters at his regular news conference.

White House spokesman Mark Fabiani said the decision to send the papers had nothing to do with the impending contempt vote in the House. He said the panel had been notified earlier this month the papers would be made available once Attorney General Janet Reno decided which documents should be held private on grounds of presidential executive privilege.

On advice of Reno the president claimed executive privilege on nearly 2,000 pages of travel office papers, most dealing with advice to the president from his legal counsel.

Notifying the panel of the executive privilege claims, Quinn said: "Critically important constitutional principles are at stake -- most notably the keystone of our governmental structure, the separation of powers."

All seven fired employees were exonerated and most were offered other jobs. Former travel office director Billy Dale was charged with embezzlement but found innocent by a jury.

Reuters May 31, 1996

AN INTERNATIONAL IRS?

In the 1962 State Department report entitled A World effectively controlled by the United Nations, author Lincoln P. Bloomfield called for disarmament of all nations, equipping the UN with a 500,000-man military force, providing it with nuclear weapons, forcing all to submit to the

compulsory jurisdiction of a UN world court, and requiring mandatory membership of all nations.

He's also advocated providing the UN with the power to raise its own revenue -- a necessary feature of any bona fide government.

The New American John F. McManus June 10, 1996

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